

Current Topics in DØ B-Physics

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An overview of selected topics in DØ B-Physics is presented, covering relevant detector characteristics, and with emphasis on the most recent results in the B_s , FCNC and rare decay programs.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Tevatron, Fermilab's $\bar{p}p$ 1.96 GeV/c^2 C.M. Collider, has recently reached a delivered total of 1 fb^{-1} of integrated luminosity to its two multi-purpose detectors, DØ and CDF, during the current data taking period known as RunII. Initial difficulties with beam stability were efficiently corrected during a shutdown in late 2003, and since then the Tevatron complex has operated remarkably well, with impressive recovery during 2004 and matching its luminosity design goals in 2005 [1]. The DØ detector has been steadily accumulating good quality data throughout RunII with luminosity recording efficiencies now approaching the 90% mark [2].

This article presents an overview of selected DØ studies in B Physics, with emphasis on the most recent results, many of which are still preliminary. Specific analyses are covered in more detail elsewhere in these proceedings.

2. THE DØ DETECTOR

DØ's central magnetic tracking volume is a key ingredient to the B Physics program. Inexistent during RunI, it is a RunII upgrade addition and consists of a silicon microstrip tracker (SMT) surrounded by a central fiber tracker (CFT), both inside a 2T superconducting solenoidal magnet. Optimized for tracking and vertexing within $|\eta| < 3$, the SMT has a six barrel longitudinal structure, each with four layers of sensors. Barrels are interspersed with twelve F-disks (double

sided, $\pm 15^\circ$ stereo), with four extra H-disks (single sided, $\pm 7.5^\circ$ stereo) located beyond the barrels to complete the η coverage. The CFT covers tracking within $|\eta| < 1.6$, and has eight thin coaxial cylindrical layers, each supporting two doublets of overlapping scintillating fibers arranged either longitudinally along z or in stereo pairs. Both the CFT and the SMT provide tracking information to the trigger.

Outside the coil the next two layers of detection consist of a preshower (scintillator strips) and a liquid argon calorimeter. There follows an outer muon system, another key ingredient to DØ's B Physics program because of its ability to efficiently trigger on semi-muonic b decays (or dimuons from J/ψ etc), thus providing a remarkable selection tool for b events in the hostile $\bar{p}p$ collider environment. The muon system covers $|\eta| < 2$ and consists of a layer of multiple wire tracking devices and scintillation counters in front of 1.8T iron toroids, followed by another two similar detection layers outside the toroids. A detailed description of the DØ detector can be found in [3].

Every analysis presented here has one or more muons in its final state. This illustrates the importance of muons in the DØ collection of a B enriched sample. Trigger decisions are organized in a tiered system with three levels of event inspection. Levels 1 and 2 B triggers are typically seeded by muon hits and complemented by tracking information. Level 1 muon candidates are about 60% pure, and can be further purified at Level 2 with adjustable time gates and/or 3D

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track matches. The CFT provides a fast and continuous readout to the Level 1 while the SMT provides signals to the levels 2 and 3 [4] for the detection of displaced vertices from b -quark decays. Level 3 receives slower more complete signals from all subdetectors enabling total reconstruction of the event, with the ability for accurate tracking, vertexing and invariant masses. Examples of B hadron reconstruction yields from the DØ J/ψ dimuon triggers are given in table 1.

Table 1

Number of decays reconstructed per pb^{-1} .

decay	$\sim N/pb^{-1}$
$B_u^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi + K^\pm$	21
$B_d^0 \rightarrow J/\psi + K^* (K\pi)$	8
$B_d^0 \rightarrow J/\psi + K_s^0 (\pi\pi)$	2
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi + \phi (KK)$	2
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi + \Lambda^0 (p\pi)$	0.3

3. THE B_s PROGRAM

One of the primary goals of RunII flavor physics at the Tevatron is the observation of B_s mixing and the extraction of Δm_s . As part of its general effort in this direction, DØ presents in this conference two complementary analyses of the B_s system; (i) a preliminary measurement of $\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s$ [5] and (ii) an exercise towards the measurement of Δm_s [6].

For access to the relative width difference between B_s mass eigenstates ($\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s$) the decays $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ are selected due to their non-flavor-specific final state, common to both meson and anti-meson decays. Assuming the two B_s mass eigenstates correspond to the CP eigenstates, their components in the end products are separated by means of a simultaneous study of the B_s time evolution, and the angular distribution of the final state particles [7]. $J/\psi\phi$ states in a P (S or D) wave indicate decays of the CP-odd (even) eigenstates. A *transversity* angular variable particularly sensitive to this discrimina-

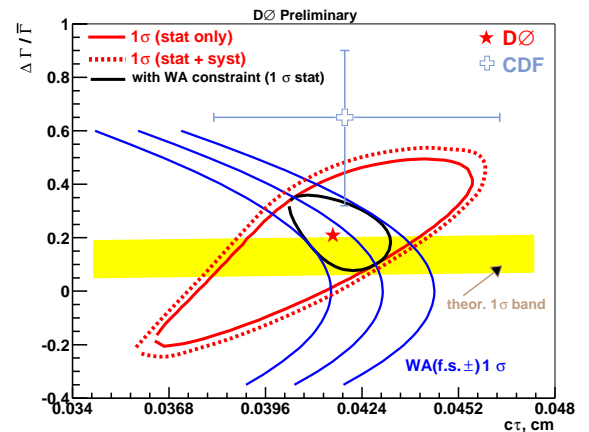
tion is defined. An unbinned maximum likelihood fit to the data (about $450 pb^{-1}$) is performed, that combines the candidate B_s mass, lifetime and transversity. Three parameters are extracted; (i) $f_{odd}^{(t=0)}$, the relative rate of the CP-odd states at time zero, (ii) $\bar{\tau} = 1/\bar{\Gamma}$ where $\bar{\Gamma} \equiv (\Gamma_{even} + \Gamma_{odd})/2$, and (iii) $\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma}$. The resulting values are shown in table 2.

Table 2

Results from the combined fit.

parameter	value
$\bar{\tau}$	$1.39^{+0.13}_{-0.14} \pm 0.08 ps$
$\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma}$	$0.21^{+0.27}_{-0.40} \pm 0.20$
$f_{odd}^{(t=0)}$	$0.17 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.02$

Figure 1 shows the one sigma contours (stat and stat+syst) for $c\bar{\tau}$ versus $\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma}$, overlaid with the result from CDF [5,8] and the Standard Model prediction [9].

Figure 1. 1σ contours for $c\bar{\tau}$ versus $\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma}$.

A suite of single muon triggers offers access to a large sample of semileptonic B_s decays. With these, DØ has recently completed what is currently the single most precise measurement of the

B_s lifetime [10]. About 5000 $B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu X$ decay candidates were selected from 400 pb^{-1} of data, where the D_s is reconstructed from its $\phi\pi$ final state. Ignoring lifetime differences (*i.e.* assuming the simple $e^{-t/\tau}$ as functional form) the value $\tau(B_s) = 1.420 \pm 0.043 \pm 0.057$ ps is obtained, and is compared with previous measurements and the revised world average [11] in figure 2.

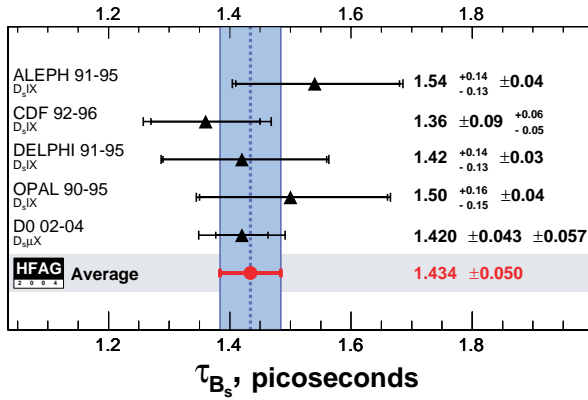


Figure 2. Individual $\tau(B_s)$ measurements and the world average [11].

This measurement of $\tau(B_s)$ provides an independent constraint between the $c\bar{\tau}$ and $\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma}$ of figure 1 (since both results are extracted from different data samples) and therefore can be used to further reduce the 1σ contours in that figure. This effect is represented in figure 1 by the three parabolas which map the uncertainty band of the WA value of figure 2 into the $c\bar{\tau}$ versus $\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma}$ plane. The smaller (inner) contour then represents the DØ results now under these tighter constraints.

The large $B_s \rightarrow D_s \mu X$ decay sample, from which $\tau(B_s)$ is extracted, was also used in an exercise at setting a lower limit to Δm_s , aimed at developing the tools and methods for this measurement which still remains critically dependent on the accumulation of luminosity. The initial state flavor tagger builds a b/\bar{b} likelihood from a choice of opposite side discriminating variables,

and 380 fully tagged events are selected in the visible proper decay length range of $(-100, 600)\mu\text{m}$, from which the limit $\Delta m_s > 5ps^{-1}$ is extracted at 95% CL. This analysis is described in [6,12].

Since this conference, an updated version of the Δm_s analysis has been released [13]. Some upgrade features are improved selection methods and flavor taggers, plus an integrated luminosity of 610 pb^{-1} . $D_s \rightarrow KK^*$ is an added contribution, and soft electron tagging is used for the first time in DØ, in combination with other taggers. The current result is $\Delta m_s > 7.3ps^{-1}$ at 95% CL, and indicates the pace at which this project progresses. Large areas of improvement still remain untapped, covering analysis techniques (added channels, same side tagging, unbinned fits) as well as the use of hadronic B_s decays.

4. FCNC, RARE DECAYS

DØ has search programs for *fcnc* decays in both B and C sectors. Forbidden at tree level in the Standard Model (SM), these decays must proceed via higher order WI processes. Such suppression allows for physics beyond the SM, such as large $\tan\beta$ *SUSY* scenarios with an extended Higgs sector, to become competitive with, or even dominant over the SM itself.

In the B sector, DØ's upper limit to $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ [14] has recently been updated [15] for additional integrated luminosity, and set at $BR < 3.7 \cdot 10^{-7}$ (95% CL), still two orders of magnitude above SM expectations. A parallel analysis towards setting an upper limit to $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \phi)$ was work in progress at the time of this conference. Its result has recently been released [16] at $BR < 4.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ (95% CL), now approaching the SM predicted [17] central value of $1.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$.

The C sector is a rather different (and comparatively untapped) testing ground for new phenomena. While the B sector has *top*-assisted higher order loops, C sector *fcnc* transitions involve loops with lighter fermions and have a more efficient GIM cancellation. SM extensions may upset this cancellation, and a sensitive observable [18] to which DØ has efficient access (via dimuon triggers) is the differential decay rate

$\mathcal{R} = d\Gamma(\mu^+\mu^-\pi)/dm(\mu^+\mu^-)$. DØ has started a program of searches for excess counts in \mathcal{R} , in the continuum regions of the $\mu^+\mu^-\pi$ spectrum. To this end, a first step has been a study of resonant regions for setting normalization benchmarks. With 508 pb^{-1} of analyzed data, DØ observes the $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\pi^+$ final state with a significance above background greater than 7σ [19]. The signal is shown in figure 3 where a neighboring peak suggests a 2.7σ signal for the $D^+ \rightarrow \phi\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\pi^+$ decay, from which a preliminary (and best existing) limit for this decay is set at $BR < 3.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ (90% CL).

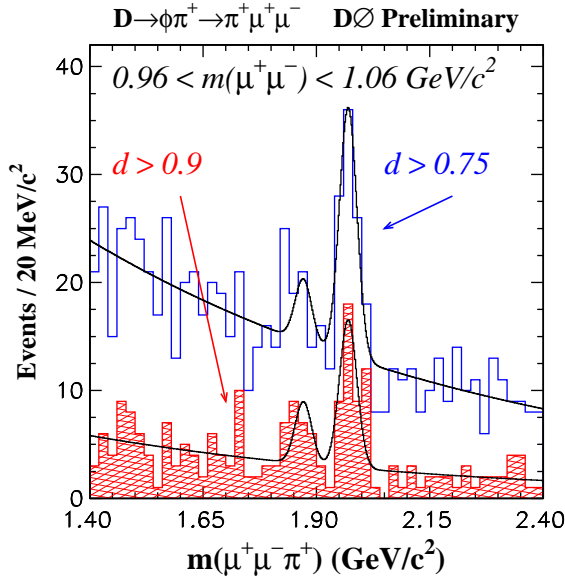


Figure 3. The $\mu^+\mu^-\pi$ mass spectrum for two values of a likelihood variable d .

5. CONCLUSION

DØ is producing a wealth of heavy flavor results in RunII, with significant impact on world averages and limits. Key measurements such as B_s mixing are on track, with uncertainty dominated by statistics, not systematics. Beyond the

studies presented here, there are results in spectroscopy, production, baryons, lifetimes etc, some of which were covered in this conference [20]. In the near future, a Tevatron shutdown is scheduled for three months, when DØ will undergo trigger upgrades, with an extra 50Hz of bandwidth to tape dedicated to flavor physics. An inner layer (Layer-0) will be added to the silicon detector.

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